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Timely Tidbits ...

TRN Takes Annual Summer Break

Yep, it's that time again – time for the small but hard-working staff of "the little paper" to skip an issue and catch up on some summer-time R&R.

We'll see you again July 26.

Picnic, Fireworks Set for Nation's 226th

The City of Romulus will celebrate our country's 226th birthday with its annual Hometown Celebration, to be held at Elmer Johnson Park on Thursday, July 4. (See the advertisement on page 11.)

Wrapping up the City's celebration will be a spectacular fireworks display made possible by generous donations from many area businesses. (See page 10 for a complete list of contributors.)

Beef Roast Benefits Local Goodfellows

Wild Willy's Chill & Grill (6221 Middlebelt Road) will host its fourth annual Beef Roast charity event on Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. until "who knows when."

Besides "the best roast beef you ever tasted" – complete with all the fixings – the fund-raiser will feature:

- live music performed by the house band, Waco, as well as other local musicians;
 - karaoke; and
 - door prizes (including a 27" TV, a 21" TV, and a stereo radio).
- Classic car buffs are also invited to come out and show off their pride and joy.

Donation for the beef roast is just \$6 per person.

GED Openings

Register on site before July 4 to attend a Romulus Adult Education summer GED class. Choose mornings (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays) or evenings (5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays); each meets at Romulus High School in room 103. Call 734-532-1953 for more information. □

Court Initiates Expanded Security Measures

In keeping with the worldwide focus on security, the 34th District Court – located at 11131 South Wayne Road in Romulus – will initiate expanded security measures beginning in July. Overseeing the new measures will be Al Hindman, the court's newly appointed Director of Security.

"Hindman is highly qualified and trained to handle the intricate details of the day-to-day security of this busy court," said Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, who noted that Hindman has served as one of the court's officers for the past 13 years. "He has proven himself as a valued employee whose opinions are worth listening to."

According to Hindman, the court's security system will feature a high-tech visitor screening system similar to those found in airports throughout the world.

"At the main entrance, relocated on the east side of the building, two uniformed court security officers will operate the security screening station that will be equipped with an x-ray machine and a walk-through magnetometer," Hindman explained. "All persons entering the court must successfully complete the screening process," he added.

Visitors should be aware that the following items will not be permitted inside the courthouse: aerosol sprays,

cameras, corkscrews, electronic devices (cell phones, beepers, radios, lap tops, etc.), food, utensils (forks, spoons, etc.), gang paraphernalia (colors, bandanas, etc.), glass items, guns, handcuffs, handcuff keys, heavy chain items, heavy keys, heavy metal belts, knives, liquid-holding containers (pop bottles, water bottles, coffee cups, etc.), knitting needles, markers, martial-arts paraphernalia/weapons, nails, padlocks, pepper spray, razor blades, scissors, screws, spurs, tools, and any other items that could be used as weapons to cause injury or bodily harm to others. Any items confiscated will not be returned.

Another security measure will be the closed-circuit televisions that will monitor the interior and exterior of the building on a 24-hour basis. Court officers will respond to all incidents occurring in and around the court building.

"Court security will continue to routinely patrol the halls, courtrooms, and departments, maintaining a high level of visibility," said Hindman.

Parking around the courthouse is strictly enforced by the Romulus Police Department. Any vehicles found in violation will be ticketed and towed at the expense of the owners.

Together, the new measures should be very effective at insuring public safety.



Al Hindman

"It is the goal of the 34th District Court to provide a safe, protected environment to both employees and visitors," Hindman said. "I think we are off to a good start, and I'm happy to be a part of taking our security to the next level."

The 34th District Court serves the cities of Romulus and Belleville and the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren. In 2001, approximately 50,000 new cases were filed in the court. An estimated 100,000 to 200,000 people visit the court each year. □

School District, Community Bid Farewell to Retirees



(From left) Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, expressed his best wishes to the seven district employees who retired at the end of this school year: Roberta Orme (second-grade teacher, Merriman Elementary), Tom Williams (science teacher, Middle School), Gail Coleman (physical-education teacher at the High School and chair of the district's secondary-level NCA Committee), Gail Perkins (learning specialist, Barth Elementary), Judy Thompson-Barthwell (vocal-music specialist), Rose Schoolmaster (head cook, Romulus Middle School), and Joan Christensen (cafeteria staff member, Romulus High School). For story, see page 6.

Letters to the Editor

Finger-pointers Should Rethink Priorities

To the Editor:

The news tells us that Congress is spending valuable time (and tax dollars) trying to blame the "Administration" for not preventing the September 11 terrorist attack – "investigating" every phony threat that came into the White House switchboard.

So long as we have enemies, U.S. citizens are and will be in danger of terrorist attacks – and no president can stop them!

Instead of wasting valuable time making a partisan issue out of the catastrophe, why is not this valuable time being spent on more serious priorities of life? Does the Senate not have commitments to families, community, and religious freedom? Are not protecting our children from sexual exploitations, reinforcing our religious freedoms, and providing good, moral character-education

for our children much more worthy of their time and consideration?

Since the horrendous smear-campaign waged against Charles Pickering, Tom Daschle has refused to bring up many critical issues for debate and vote. HR 476, HR 2175, HR 2505, HR 2052, HR 4156, and HR 503 are all bills awaiting Senate action. These are all issues that affect our families' well-being and they deserve the here-and-now consideration of the Senate.

Both Democrats and Republicans apparently have families and children who are worth the time and consideration of the Senate. How can we get Congress to focus on the *really important issues* facing us today? These issues need to be dealt with according to merit – not the party affiliation of the author of the bill.

Lucille Raymond

Honest, Positive Campaigns Urged

To the Editor:

"The black-robed solemnity of Michigan's high-court justices was sullied this election year by a political pie fight that would have done Barnum and Bailey proud, only nobody's laughing ... The current climate threatens to poison the judiciary ..."

That is how a Grand Rapids Press editorial described the campaign for Michigan Supreme Court Justice in November of 2000. Negative campaigns have polluted the election process in partisan races, and it's creeping into nonpartisan judicial races too.

We must put a stop to these negative campaigns now!

Judicial candidates must recognize that how they behave in a campaign goes a long ways toward influencing public perception of our judicial system. After all, the courts are the final refuge where citizens should always expect fair

and equal treatment under the law in a dignified proceeding.

Recently, candidates for the open 34th District Judicial seat attended a gathering hosted by Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judges Szlinis and Oakley. The purpose? The judges believe that candidates who know and respect each other are less likely to attack each other. That's the kind of integrity our judges demonstrate every day, and a side that the public rarely sees. I applaud and wholeheartedly support their efforts.

In that spirit, I pledge to run an honest, positive campaign – one that demonstrates *integrity* and earns *trust*. I urge my fellow candidates to do the same.

Sincerely,

David A. Glaab

Candidate for 34th District Court
Judge □

Host Family Sought for Belarusian Law Student at 34th District Court

Many area residents may remember reading an article about Alex Lazouski when he visited Wayne County's 34th District Court in Romulus last summer.

The 20-year-old resident of Misk, Belarus – visiting America for the first time through his participation in a work-study program called Work Experience USA – was employed as a carnival worker at Family Amusement in New Boston. He came across the court while out on a bicycle ride.

"It was my dream to visit an American court," said Lazouski, a law student currently in his fourth year of a five-year program at Belarusian State Economic University.

Before long, Lazouski, who speaks fluent English, was making the most of his opportunity to observe the American justice system, watching the (for him) novel jury trials conducted at the court. (In Belarus, trials are almost invariably decided by a judge, not a jury.)

Now, Lazouski has the opportunity to take his dream to a new level. He has been invited to work as a clerk at the 34th District Court during the months of August and September.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judges Brian A. Oakley and William J. Szlinis are thrilled that months of e-mail communications have finally paid off.

"Everyone at the court is excited to see Alex again and to put him to work learning more about the American court system," said Judge Green.

Judge Oakley was very impressed with Lazouski and equally enthused about the young man being a part of the team at the court.

"Alex is a very personable, bright young man who is committed to learning," said Oakley. "We are honored to be able to provide this opportunity."

Unfortunately, one obstacle does remain between Lazouski and his ability to work at the court. That obstacle is housing. According to Judge Oakley, only temporary housing has been arranged thus far.

"We are really looking for a host family or two willing to house Alex for whatever period of time is possible so that he can broaden his experiences while in America," he explained.

Anyone interested in being a host family for Lazouski may contact Judge Oakley at 734-941-4462, ext. 205. □

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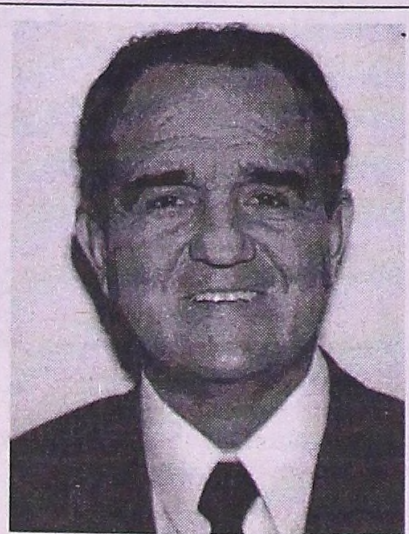
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During the early hours of Saturday, June 15, the Romulus Fire Department was called out to battle a structure fire at 32790 Henry Ruff Road – a vacant building that was the former home of WCHB, "Soul Radio."

The blaze was severe enough to require the dispatch of firefighters from three of the city's four fire stations to bring it under control.

Fire Chief David Allison, who investigated the fire in cooperation with the Downriver Fire Investigative Team, said,

"We've ruled this fire an arson. Anyone who may have seen any suspicious activity in the area is urged to contact either the Romulus Fire Department's headquarters at 734-941-8585 or the Romulus Police Department's Investigate Service Bureau at 734-942-6879."

The Michigan Arson Prevention Committee offers a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to anyone's arrest and conviction on arson-related charges. Call the MAPC toll-free: 800-44-ARSON. □



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Officer Charged with Misconduct

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has charged Inkster Police Officer Steven James Yagiela, a 32-year-old Redford resident, with Misconduct in Office for his alleged sexual conduct while on duty.

The Prosecutor's Office believes that the following events occurred.

At 2:02 a.m. on June 21, 2002, the Romulus Police Department received a report that a 24-year-old woman was "raped" in her Romulus apartment by an Inkster police officer. When interviewed by Romulus police officers, the alleged victim stated that she had pulled over at the intersection of Glenwood and Henry Ruff in Inkster. Because citizens had reported her erratic driving to police, Officer Yagiela was dispatched to investigate. After requesting permission

to drive the woman home, the officer put her into the back seat of the squad car and drove her to her apartment. The woman stated that Officer Yagiela made a number of sexual advances towards her during the drive, and that, once they reached her apartment, he followed her inside. The woman was seriously intoxicated and reported that she submitted to sexual intercourse with the officer because she feared the possibility of arrest.

Officer Yagiela was arraigned in 34th District Court on June 25 and released on a \$5,000 personal bond. A preliminary exam has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 31.

Misconduct in Office is a felony that carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. □

If the River Breathes, You Can, Too

Editor's note: This article is the second in a three-part series about the Rouge River from the City of Romulus. Watch for part three, "What Fertilizers, Motor Oil, and Dogs Have in Common," in our July 26 issue.

Oxygen. Most living things on this planet need it to maintain life – and our rivers are no different. Chemicals, waste solids, and fertilizers that continually find their way into a river rob the water of its much needed oxygen. The result? A river that slowly, unnecessarily suffocates to death.

Nature itself provides several ways of filtering out contaminants. These natural watershed drainage and filtration systems are sand and wetlands. Sand and wetlands of various sizes accompany the Rouge River watershed from Troy to Romulus. These natural drainage and filtration systems can inhibit chemicals, fertilizers, and waste products from finding their way into the river. They also support a variety of wildlife and vegetation that help produce oxygen for the river and prevent storm water from entering the river too quickly – an extremely important factor in the health of any river.

Unfortunately, these natural river support systems are being threatened. Farming, housing developments, new office parks, and a variety of industry along the Rouge River watershed continue to strip away important beds of sand. Add to this the many wetlands along the way that have been drained dry, and the river – and all of us who live within its watershed boundaries – have a serious problem.

In order for the Rouge River to be spared from an untimely and expensive demise, it must be able to replenish its oxygen supply faster than contamina-

tion – both man-made and natural – depletes it. Why would the death of the Rouge River ultimately be expensive? Because if it dies, new sources of clean water will have to be found in quantities that can support the 48 communities along the watershed. Who would pay for the discovery and distribution of these new sources? Eventually, *you* would.

The destruction of sand and wetlands within the Rouge River watershed has a double impact. The first is the elimination of the vital cleaning process provided by oxygen-giving flora – plant life growing along the banks of the river and in the river itself. Second, in the absence of sand and wetlands, rainwater and melting snow enter the river system too quickly. The rush of water from rain and melting snow can cause irreversible erosion of the banks and bed of the river.

This sudden, unrestrained rush of rainwater and snowmelt into the river can also stir up dark clouds of sediment that block sunlight from reaching oxygen-giving flora rooted in the riverbed. High-school science takes over: no sunlight, no photosynthesis (the use of light to create energy to metabolize food and convert carbon dioxide to oxygen). No photosynthesis, no oxygen. No oxygen, no river. No river – well, get out your wallets, because it's going to take money, and lots of it, to find a new source of usable water.

It may be difficult for any of us to stem the natural tide of oxygen-depleting erosion or time's often debilitating effect on wetlands. But there are simple things we can do that will help keep the Rouge River breathing easy and, as a result, its water unpolluted.

We'll discuss a few of those things in our next installment. □

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New Downtown Grocery Store Quickly Attracts Customers



"Don't let me forget pizza," said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert as he did some early morning shopping at the new Romulus Market Place. "My son loves pizza."

By Steve Jones, Director of Public Relations, City of Romulus

The revitalization of downtown Romulus began early on a bright Tuesday morning last week with the opening of the highly anticipated Romulus Market Place Spartan grocery store. Even as new checkout scanning machines were being turned on and merchandise suppliers put the finishing touches on their displays, area residents waited patiently in the store's entryway for the opportunity to be the first to grab a shopping cart and stroll the glistening, well-stocked aisles.

On hand to be one of the store's first customers was Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who was warmly greeted by awaiting local citizens.

"Like everybody else, I shop quality and price," said Lambert. "Not to mention, I've got a teenage son at home, and you know how teenage boys eat. This store has tremendous variety and great

prices. It's a wonderful asset to a community poised for growth."

When Victor Khami — father of the store's owner/general manager, Ray Khami — pleasantly gave the word that the store was now open, Mayor Lambert, along with other customers young and old, took a cart and began the first shopping experience at Romulus Market Place. Most of Tuesday morning's customers made a quick and admiring first stop at the display of potted flowers brightening the center of the main front aisle.

"This is a real Romulus success story," said the mayor as he wheeled his cart next to the long, well-lit aisle of fresh fruits and vegetables. "The real winners are the people of this community who've waited patiently all these years for clean, quality grocery shopping to conveniently return to downtown."

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Mayor Alan Lambert congratulated Victor Khami (right), proud father of Romulus Market Place owner/general manager Ray Khami.

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Seven Retirees Honored by Romulus Community Schools

The Romulus Community Schools recently honored seven retiring employees with resolutions acknowledging their many years of service to the district.

Gail Coleman

Gail Coleman taught physical education in Romulus schools for 31 years. She dedicated herself to many leadership positions, such as Electives Department chair, and served as the district's secondary-level chair for the highly successful North Central Association Five-year Transitions Accreditation Committee. She also distinguished herself with 15 years of coaching the girls' volleyball team, which won two league championships under her guidance. Coleman has been honored with three Crystal Apple awards and a WDIV Teacher of the Year award. She was the first Michigan teacher to teach the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in 1988.

Roberta Orme

Roberta Orme began teaching at Merriman Elementary in 1969. During her career, she made major contributions through her participation in groups such as the Language Arts Curriculum and Science Textbooks committees. Orme was able to secure several mini-grants, including a prestigious Eisenhower Grant, and her students consistently developed extensive and impressive exhibits for the school's annual Multicultural Celebration. She also shared her professional expertise by serving as a mentor for new district teachers.

Gail Perkins

Gail Perkins began teaching in the Romulus school system in 1971. She served in teaching assignments at Gordonier, Hayti, Wick, Merriman, and Halecreek elementary schools, and then

concluded her career as a learning specialist at Halecreek and Barth Elementary. Perkins was recognized for her educational leadership in helping both Halecreek and Barth schools achieve outstanding MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) results during her tenure at each school. She was particularly instrumental in helping Barth win a \$50,000 Golden Apple award from the State of Michigan in 2001.

Judith Thompson-Barthwell

Judith Thompson-Barthwell taught both general and vocal music in the district since 1970. She also served for several years as a classroom teacher in a special Montessori program held at Cory Elementary in the late '70s. Thompson-Barthwell was active in professional organizations such as the American Orff-Schulwerk Association, the Music Educators National Conference, and the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. She gave her time to work on many extra local events, such as the celebrations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and is the only vocal music teacher in the history of the Romulus district to achieve first-division ratings at district and state MSVA festivals.

Thomas Williams

Thomas Williams, who began his employment with the Romulus Community Schools in 1974, specialized in teaching science at the Middle School. He frequently made major contributions to the district by serving as a Student Council advisor, Middle School National Honor Society advisor, and Science Department head. Williams also served many years as an assistant coach to the Middle School's football and track teams. His dedication and expertise led both teams to achieve a winning percentage of greater than 95% during his tenure. Williams also made many major donations totalling thousands of dollars for the purchase of Middle School athletic recognition plaques and the support of the Middle School band program, and he developed and supervised the extensive and impressive Middle School athletic and music achievement display cases.

Rose Schoolmaster

Rose Schoolmaster, who joined the district's cafeteria staff in 1978, served as the head cook at Romulus Middle School for the last several years. She particularly enjoyed working with her colleagues and will miss them and the students at the Middle School.

Joan Christensen

Joan Christensen began working in cafeteria services in 1985. This past year, she served as the cashier, Head-start helper, and elementary cook at the High School. She, also, will miss her colleagues and the students. □

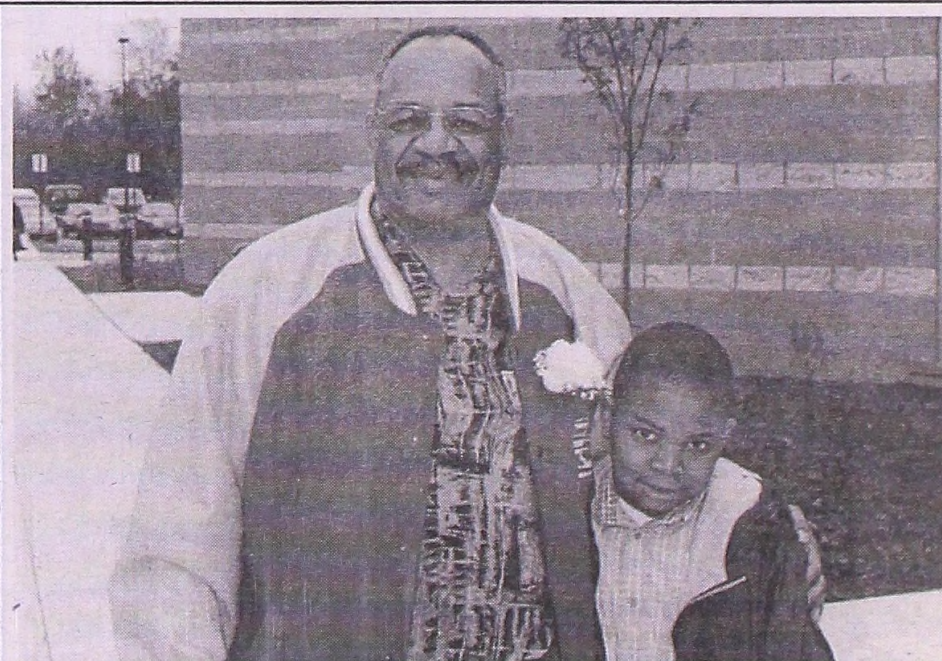
Grandparents Day



Fifth-grader Katilynn Jorgensen welcomed her grandmother, Katherine Easley, during Romulus Elementary School's recent Grandparents Day celebration.



Three different generations were represented at the school when (from left) mother Dessiera McMillen, grandmother Dessie Markham, and great-grandmother Mozell Montgomery all attended the program.



Also among the attendees were George Hicks and his grandson, third-grader Bryant.

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Annual RHS Faculty Talent Show Dazzles Students

A full nine-act talent show presented by members of the Romulus High School staff before the end of the school year led to a standing ovation from the highly appreciative student body.

Emcee Rhonda McAllister and director Bonnie Bossidis produced an outstanding program that started out with a special version of "The Star Spangled Banner" – sung by math teacher Marci Tomchick and special-education teacher Winifred – to commemorate the events of September 11. This was followed by a performance of "Belling Dance," which featured math teacher Wendy Pachota and language-arts teachers Tenekia Singleton, Jamie Nelson, and Monica Lewis.

After band director Henry James joined with social-studies teacher Rod Hanna to sing a very animated version of "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," staff members Jill Avery, Judy Barthwell, Diane Bishop, Bonnie Bossidis, Gail Coleman, Joyce Evans, Alice Kesner, Laura Ralko, Angelica Richardson, Paula Smith, and Debra Wilson worked with

Bill "Bugle Boy" Garland to perform "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

Hanna also gave a solo performance of "My Girl."

Multimedia teacher Clinton Chico and language-arts teacher Jason Kahler – the "Blues Brothers" from last year – teamed up to sing "If I Had A Million Dollars" this year.

Social-studies teacher Ed Horn and Monica Lewis played their guitars and sang "I Will."

Closing out the program were language-arts teacher Keisha Sterling, business-technology teacher Thalia Swint, and Tenekia Singleton, who did a special dance that had the students on their feet, applauding.

Principal Dan Hurst continues to be amazed by the talent and expertise shown by his staff.

"They're very talented," he noted with pride, "and the fact that they took the time to prepare this special program at the busiest time of the year is a tribute to their dedication to the students at Romulus High School." □



The Romulus High School Faculty Talent Show featured a wide variety of performances, including a sterling version of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Among the dancers were (from left): Bonnie Bossidis, Laura Ralko, Paula Smith, Deborah Wilson, Diane Bishop, Alice Kesner, Joyce Evans, Gail Coleman, and Judy Barthwell.



(From left) Math teacher Wendy Pachota and language-arts teachers Tenekia Singleton, Jamie Nelson, and Monica Lewis joined together for "Belling Dance."



(From left) Math teacher Marci Tomchick and special-education teacher Winifred Wafer sang "The Star Spangled Banner," while multimedia teacher Clinton Chico and language-arts teacher Jason Kahler performed "If I Had A Million Dollars."



(From left) Language-arts teachers Keisha Sterling and Tenekia Singleton joined business-technology teacher Thalia Swint in a dance medley.



(From left) Ed Horn, social-studies teacher, and Monica Lewis, language-arts teacher, got together to sing, "I Will." Band director Henry James and social-studies teacher Rod Hanna performed an animated version of "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling."

Employee Picnic



Among the many attendees at the Romulus Community Schools' annual employee picnic were (from left) Heather Doane, Merriman teacher; Joel Carr, superintendent; Jason Salhaney, REA president/Halecreek teacher; Theresa Killeen, Wayne County MEA/NEA uniserve director; and Wendy Dubyak, Romulus Elementary paraprofessional.



(From left) Rosalie Berlinn, Romulus High School paraprofessional; Laurie Berlinn, Halecreek media tech; Roxanne Kucharski, Romulus Elementary media tech; Kimberly Whalen, Romulus paraprofessional; and Bev Baker, Romulus Community High School custodian, enjoyed the picnic luncheon.



(From left) Theresa Killeen, the new Wayne County MEA/NEA uniserve director, got acquainted with Bill Routhier, director of business and finance, and Ed Clark, director of human resources.



Romulus High School retiree Mike Zaher (second from right) took the opportunity to visit with district maintenance employees (from left) Dale Gotts, Leo O'Connor, and Matt McGrane.

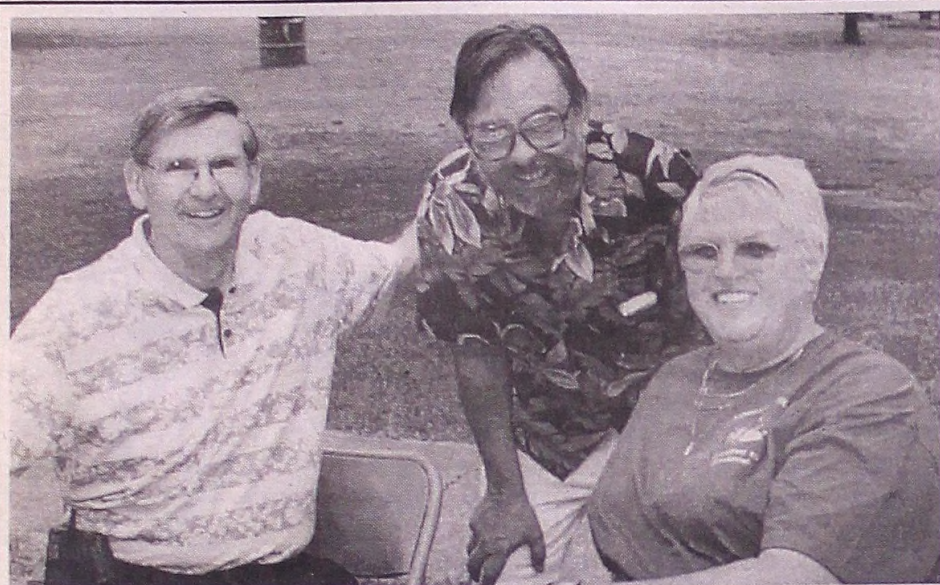


Newly elected Board of Education member Ken Mientkiewicz (right) shared ideas with 20-year Board member Ken Berlinn; Linda Redman (left), head cook, RHS; and Joan Christensen, RHS cafeteria retiree.



District union representatives (from left) Barb Fortune, Evelyn Koerber, Terrie McCraight, Betty Cantrell, Kim Wells, and Rose Nettle handed out prizes to drawing winners.

Employee Picnic



(From left) Bill Musham, director of adult/alternative education; Kevin Cook, Barth music teacher; and Jeannie Voight, Romulus High School secretary, shared a good laugh.



Laura Schonscheck (left), Barth cafeteria staff member, and Carrie Smith, elementary art specialist, enjoyed sampling the classic picnic offerings at the buffet.



(From left) Ann Chaput, Barth paraprofessional; Laura Ralko, district nurse; and Lisa Nastal, Merriman secretary, were in spirits as sunny as the day itself.



Ready to have a good time were Barth staff members (from left) Kara Wasser, Marissa Pater, Gerilyn Kline, Brenda Clark, Lori Lynn Seigenthaler, Kendra Frieble, and Diane Ziemkiewicz.



Matt McGrane of the district's maintenance staff presented plaques to the winners of this year's water-balloon-throwing contest: secretaries Rose Nettle (left) and Barb Fortune.



(From left) Barth paraprofessional Ann Chaput primed her heavy-duty squirt gun for former executive secretary Doreen McEvilly and current executive secretaries Carole Bales and Robin Omey.

Seniors Celebrate Flag Day with Dedication Ceremonies

On Friday, June 14, the Romulus Senior Center and Romulus Tower apartments hosted their first annual flag dedication in honor of Flag Day.

The event featured flag-raising ceremonies – conducted by members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus) – at both the Center and the Tower. The flags were donated by the VFW.

In all, 30 veterans were honored.

Among the 80+ people who attended the event were a number of government dignitaries, including U.S. Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, State Representative Raymond E. Basham, Romulus City Council Chairman Randolph Gear, and City Councilwoman Deborah Romak. Representing Mayor Alan R. Lambert was Romulus Police Officer Tom Ellis.

Staff members from the DoubleTree Hotel of Romulus were on hand to serve

refreshments. Musical entertainment was provided by Sylvia Dubisky, who played the keyboard, and Fran Bredow, who led the group in singing.

Many door prizes – including a flag "throw" – were awarded at the program, thanks to donations by the Senior Center, Representative Basham, and Congressman John Dingell.

The dedications were an overwhelming success.

"Romulus Tower manager Melissa Morton, co-sponsor of this program, and I are very pleased with the patriotic spirit of participation and with the turnout here today," said Linda Norman, Senior Citizen Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus.

"This was not an elaborate program," she added, "but it did what it was meant to do: honor our flag and show appreciation to our veterans." □



Government representatives and local citizens looked on as members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568 (Romulus) raised the flag at the Romulus Recreation/Senior Center.

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Time: 10:00 a.m. until about 6:00 p.m.
Registration: Romulus Rec Dept. on or before July 1, 5:00 p.m.
Format: Depends on number of teams entered
Fee: \$15 per team, cash only
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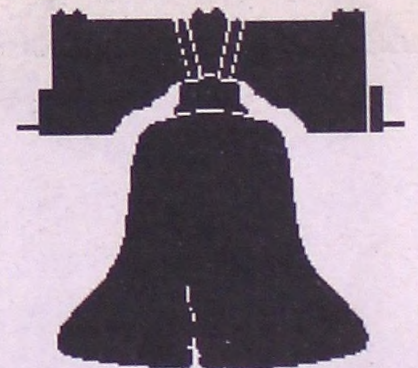
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ALPIS Rides To The Rescue: Local Trucking Firm Gets AAU Team on a Roll

All roads may lead to Rome, but only three exclusive avenues can lead to a prosperous NBA basketball career: the Continental League, college basketball, and the AAU.

In Romulus, a talented high-school-aged AAU basketball team has embarked on a journey to New Orleans in pursuit of championship dreams and possible college and NBA recognition. Of course, the long road trip to Louisiana might have been stopped in its tracks had it not been for last-minute, much-needed assistance from ALPIS, a local trucking company.

"Without sponsors, getting to an AAU tournament is expensive for the team members and their families," said coach Bryant Frost. "We've got a great team, but we had no sponsors who could offset our expenses. A week before our trip to New Orleans, our van broke down. That could have stopped us from competing."

It was then that Frost and his wife Maryann – who serves as the team manager, away-game cook, and surrogate parent – visited the office of Mayor Alan R. Lambert.

"We weren't quite sure what to do," Maryann said. "But we knew we had to do something for the team. That's why we went to City Hall."

That visit led to the mayor enlisting the help of Herb Buckley, the City's Director of Parks & Recreation, and Steve Jones, Public Relations Director.

The answer to the problem came quickly in the form of ALPIS," said Jones. "The City and ALPIS have worked successfully together before on event sponsorships – most recently, the Cartoon Network SMASH Tennis Tour. ALPIS is a company that's committed to producing excellence – both in their line of business, and in the community where they conduct their business."

When Jones informed Dana Scobey, ALPIS quality manager, about the team's plight and needs, the trucking and logistics company immediately and enthusiastically took on the challenge. Within 24 hours, ALPIS provided an expenses-paid rental van capable of comfortably transporting the 12-member team and all their gear to and from the New Orleans competition.

"It's easy to get behind something like this," said ALPIS president and CEO Loren White. "These are academically accomplished and athletically talented young men – the best Romulus has to offer. They deserve a shot at the championship and

we'll do whatever we can to help them get there."

"I can't thank ALPIS enough," said Justin Smith, captain of the team. "Smith, who will be a Romulus High School senior this fall, was recently selected as one of an elite team of People-To-People Sports Ambassadors representing the United States in Switzerland and France this summer. "It's easy to get discouraged sometimes. But that's the great part of playing on a team: If one person gets a little down, your coach and your teammates pull you up. We're blessed to have Mr. White on our team."

As Jones and ALPIS resolved the transportation issue and local resident Clementine Haynes secured greatly reduced New Orleans hotel rates for the team, yet another challenge appeared.

"Since schools are out for the summer, we didn't have a place to practice," said Coach Frost. "When you've got a major AAU competition, you have to keep your skills up at an AAU level – and that means practicing hard every day."

Enter Recreation Director Herb Buckley. After several calls from his office, this challenge was also met and resolved.

"Phyllis Adkins, the principal at Cory Elementary School, is just a tremendous person," said Buckley. "She opened the doors for this team to practice until they headed off to the New Orleans competition. I'm sure she remembers a lot of the guys on the team from their time at Cory, and she couldn't have been happier to give these great students and athletes a place to practice."

Buckley sees Coach Frost's AAU team as continuing the city's "professional athlete tradition."

"NBA players like John Long and Terry Mills came from Romulus," he explained. "We just might see other NBA stars rise from Coach Frost's team."

"Then again," he added, "knowing what kind of students these guys are, I'm sure we'll see prominent lawyers, doctors, and computer professionals, too."

Warming up on the Cory Elementary School basketball court, captain Justin Smith reflected for a moment upon the whirlwind 24 hours that led up to the solution to all his team's problems.

"For awhile, I thought it was going to be easier to get from here to Switzerland than from here to New Orleans," he said with a smile. □

Nate Oats Is Named Basketball Coach at Romulus High School

Twenty-seven-year-old Nate Oats has been hired, pending Board of Education action, as the new head basketball coach at Romulus High School. Oats comes to Romulus from the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, where, as an assistant coach, he helped White-water win league championships in each of the past two seasons.

Oats was previously an assistant coach for four years at Marantha Baptist College in Wisconsin, where he also starred as a player, served as team captain for two years, and earned all-conference honors during his senior year. His coaching resume includes assignments at the 5-Star and Michigan State summer camps as well as membership in the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Oats – who was a mathematics major and valedictorian of his college class – will teach math at the High School. His educational resume includes positions as a high-school math teacher in Watertown, Wisconsin, and a teaching assistants at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Oats intends to stress player development and character at RHS. He will have an after-school study program that will be mandatory for students who intend to try out for basketball and need



Nate Oats

academic help. He is also working to set up a recreational basketball program with the City of Romulus.

Oats has already met with some of the members of the RHS basketball team, and intends to have prospective members participate in traditional Metro Detroit summer basketball league activities. He will be a very busy young man, as he also has to move his family from Wisconsin to Michigan. □

Barth Elementary Hosts Annual Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony



Barth Elementary School kindergartners enjoyed their recent graduation ceremony, which was attended by a large group of parents and other well-wishers. Master teacher Karen Richard was proud to report that 93% of her young students tested at or above grade level on the DRA reading assessment.

Romulus Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following students whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on their school's honor roll, citizenship, and/or perfect attendance list during the final marking period of the 2001-2002 school year.

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Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

John Lewkowicz.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

LeAnna Pioli.

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Rachel Arthur.

ALL-YEAR HONOR ROLL

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Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Alexis Jones, Sheila Reeves, Christopher Reyna, Brianna Shreve, Mason Whitmore.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

David Forbush, Jory King, Brittany Rodgers, Jessica Sylvester, Adam Thornsby, Chelsea Tyree, Kanaya Williams.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

Derek Bennett, Kelsey Hadyniak, Cheyenne Oakley, Samantha Watson, Mary Ann Watts.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Heather Doyle, Kourtney Hamilton, Raymont Holt, Kristen Leigh, Rebecca Lewkowicz.

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Melissa Cofield, Kia Cunegin, Chelsea Earby, Kyle Sherwood.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Clara Windom.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Kyra Crawford, Zoatta Hogan, Heather Mason, DaJuan Partee, Bianca Robinson, Dairrein Searcy.

Third Grade – Mrs. Norwood

Zachary Curry, Brittany Glenn, Michael Henich, Brittani Hillard, Benjamin Hojnowski, Cailyn Mines, Chelsea Thomas, Kaessi Torres.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff

Ashley Fowler, Ammie Gordan, Juwan Piggee, Shauree Reed, Kierstyn Slatinsky, Elizabeth Wein.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Mahelia Benjamin, Cierra Cohen, Caitynn Lefler, Charlena Mabry, Emmanuel Sanders, Amber Sears, Destiny Swanigan, Nadia Watson.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Commander

Cody Barnes, Justin Hartman, Nicole Siemaszko, Kaela Torres.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Roberts

Meriah Chapman, Kenneth Davis, David Ellis, Abiola Emanuel, Danielle Stephens, Alexis Walker.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Cheeks

Latesa Burnett, Darius Ross, Thomas Slatinsky.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Kristen Dubisky, Patrick Farkas, Erica Jackson, Nakendra Pinkston, Leroy Talley.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brennan

Gary Logerstedt, DeAnté Ross-Springer.

Second Grade – Mrs. Askew

Andriana Barden, Franchella Foreman, Devan Hearst, Nakeem Lightsey.

Third Grade – Ms. Hartman

Kyra Crawford.

Third Grade – Mrs. Norwood

Zachary Curry.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price

Destiny Swanigan.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Cheeks

Chelsea Earby, Leilah Hunter.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange

Cordero Jones, Rose Julius, Nakendra Pinkston, Clara Windom.

Romulus Elementary

ALL-YEAR HONOR ROLL

Carmen Collie, Melissa Peterson, Akara Stovall.

HIGH HONORS

Fourth Grade

Cassie Rice, Cherra Ross.

Fifth Grade

Chris Kreitner, Gary Nemeth, Britni Spataro, Amanda Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Carmen Collie.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade

Brittney Blackburn, Jonathan Carr, Geridan St. Peter.

Fifth Grade

Christina Gillespie, Mariah Haney, Sanchez Jones, Aaron Marion, Nyah McReynolds, Randall Norfleet, Antoine Patterson, Camile Reid, Dominique Ross, Nigerrea Simpson, Sam Wells.

Sixth Grade

Ashley Groh, Anjenette Hood, Bianca Johnson, Larry Nastal, Melissa Peterson, Shauna Pitman, Kevin Riley, Akara Stovall.

Ms. Watkins's Class

Francis Cistrunk, Don Davis, Nikki Eves, Gary Hemmingway, Brandon Kelly.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

First Grade

Briana Dye

Second Grade

Aaliyah Eatmon, Anthony Fortson, Jerry Fraley, Arthur Gibson, Devin Groh, Jennifer Kennedy, Kevin Makela, Fred McAnally, James Newbill.

Third Grade

Cali Burks, Stephon Edwards, Christopher Hicks, Michael Householder, Onika Miller, Dana Robinson.

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Fourth Grade

Brittney Blackburn, Ajah Brown, Jonathan Carr, Scott Caudle, Danielle Cox, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Keoni Mundy, Zachary Nastal, Cassie Rice, Cherra Ross, Richard Vaughn, Dominique Wallace.

Fifth Grade

Avonte Burrell, Jessica Cronk, Christina Gillespie, Melanie Heins, Justin Humphrey, Josiah Jackson, Sanchez Jones, Chris Kreitner, Mark Landry, Felicia Martin, Brandon McCraight, Dominique Ross, Martel Smith, Britni Spataro, Amanda Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Bianca Courtland, Comille Crawford, Tiara Grandison, Kassandra Gray, Anjenette Hood, Gerald Horton, Brian Householder, Rebecca Khalaf, Amanda Kurzyniec, Valencia Matthews, Kiara Moon, Larry Nastal, Matthew Norfleet, Evans Paillere, Melissa Peterson, Shau-na Pitman, Jacob Pykor, Tariq Sharrief, Alonzo Smith.

Mrs. Watkins's Class

Dawone Allison, Alexander Cary, Brandon Kelly, David Kelly.

ALL-YEAR CITIZENSHIP

Kasandra Gray.

CITIZENSHIP

Fourth Grade

Chyna Bennett, Scott Caudle, Danielle Cox, Cassie Rice, Amanda Tucker, and Dominique Wallace.

Fifth Grade

Amanda Brown, Markis Darden, Katherine DeCoster, Christina Gillespie, Chris Kreitner, Chris Ramsay, Rachel Shores, Amanda Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Kasandra Gray, Melissa Peterson.

Mrs. Watkins's Class

Chanel Anderson, Don Davis.

IMPROVEMENT

Fourth Grade

Mario Normore.

Fifth Grade

Darrell Hunt, Felicia Martin, Chris Ramsay, Darrin Schmitzer, Albert Slominski.

Sixth Grade

Jasmine Brown, Shaynia Dye, Tiara Grandison, Jewel Johnson, Amanda Kurzyneic, Kiara Moon, Tasheema Murray, Lydia Said, Alonzo Smith.

Romulus High School

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Ronnie Brown, Allison Bruckner, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, Justin Chapman, Anica Coate, Lauryn Farkas, Brittany Gregory, Crystal Hahn, Katie Hale, Paris Hawkins, Sierra Hicks, Ergys Hoxha, Janet Johnson, Daniel Kinney, Mallori Losacco, Lisa Miller, Carolyn Moore, Anjelique Moss, Antoinette Nelson, Michelle Patterson, Dijon Piggee, Philip Roscoe, Samuel Russell, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Shauntia Simon, Paulette Stanford, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Anastasia Strother, Tiffany Sucharski, Jamie Suiter, Kenise Thompson, Joann Tieppo, Brytni White, William Williams, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, Brian Woods, Ashley Wright.

Tenth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Deborah Anderson, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Cassie Caldwell, Rhiannon Crawford, Carissa Drobil, Latoya Flint, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Novella Haugabook, Jeremiah Hudson, Shaerma Kettlewell, Sarah Lindroth, Patrick McCollum, Natasha Murray, Hanya Ombima, Rebecca Oros, Lajoya Orr, Michael Patrias, Kristina Rafalski, Denisa Rakic, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Patrecia Sucharski, Ryan Tackett, Rebecca Thornton.

Eleventh Grade

Amanda Brewington, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Jenia Cooper, Kimberly Cotton, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Brenda Finley, Bret Fowler, Sarah Gray, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Bethany Hotchkiss, Paris Jackson, Hilary Kozma, Heather Patrick, Les-

lie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Keona Riley, Jamie Stephens, Bethany Swauger, Laura Tanner, Brandon Varga, Maurice Webb, Mark Woody.

Twelfth Grade

Brittany Bingham, Chrystal Blair, Elizabeth Caburet, Jennifer Camilleri, Kelly Carroll, David Cox, Beonka Dreher, Stephanie Durtka, Deborah Fox, Adam Gibbons, Ileana Hill, Deana Hunter, Amber Keely, Kathrine Kortas, Jasmine Mark, Amelia McCray, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Albert Plloci, Antoinette Price, Ashley Rodgers, Kristen Singer, Melissa Smallwood, Latonya Staple, Bridget Stephens, Kanetra Warren.

HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade

Phillip Adkins, Latoya Allen, Nicole Armstrong, Janee Barnes, Shavon Bell, Donald Brewer, Daniel Brown, Sara Cholette, Chrystal Coleman, Ebony Coleman, Jeremiah Cross, Kim Daye, Yvette Douglas, Derrick Dugan, Kevin Hamilton, Shannell Hemphill, Stephanie Hindman, Benjamin Hobman, Lucretia Johnson, Alyse Jones, Paul Lenderman, Stephanie Lewis, Jeremy McNulty, Leah Moore, Regina Nelson, Alanae Odom, Jeffrey Ottenbreit, Candace Parsons, Kris Plloci, Andrea Redding, Wallace Reynolds, Jennifer Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Tiffany Smith, Paul Stanford, Dwight Talley, Miah Wade, Alecia Walls, Adrian Watson, Natalie Watt, Danté Williams, Sarah Williams.

Tenth Grade

Darnell Anderson, Mariah Bogard, Ronald Coleman, Jerry Collie, Elliot Craig, Christie Davis, Raleah Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Randall Frye, Storee Garner, Stephanie Gurner, Christian Hadden, Terry Harper, Danielle Hendricks, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Timothy Lewis, Angela Lukas, Ashley Maskell, Patrick Miller, Jajuan Mosby, Ashley Much, Lynsie Ransaw, Kristi Rice, Sarah Schatilo, Ricky Staten, Iesha Taylor, Amy Thompson, Kyle Wasson, Mark Wheeler, Marvin Wheeler, Jurbar Williams, Tenisha Williams,

Derhonda Williams-Kenned, Marissa Wilson.

Eleventh Grade

Paul Adkins, Shannon Allen, Christopher Anderson, Rashaud Best, Scott Blackburn, Katie Bolus, Ryan Boyd, Joseph Chisholm, Meghan Conway, Amanda Crosby, Raquel Dodds, Brick Hemmingway, Bradley Hindman, Melissa Holman, Curtis Jackson, John Jenkins, Crystal Koch, Natasha Lowe, Alexander MacFarlane, Adam Malloy, Ashley Melchor, Jason Messenger, Felicia Modrzynski, Jesse Morris, Joshua Nichols, Nicole Nolan, Karvens Paillere, Jesse Patterson, Alexander Patton, Adelina Plloci, Andrew Rodger, Jennifer Sattler, Clifford Smith, Miyon Smith, Tiffany Smith, Miqui Spencer, Latoya Starr, Jill Steffani, Rye Theriot, Dennis Thompson, Kareena Wells, Angela Williams, Cassandra Wilson, Marrika Wise, Sammie Young.

Twelfth Grade

Amber Barnes, Amanda Bassett, Patrice Beasley, Nicole Bills, Shanelle Bishop, Angela Bowdler, Amy Bowman, David Boyd, Larry Brown, Nikki Carr, Jerry Clark, Leah Cotham, Cortney Daniels, Jennifer Davis, Brandon Demoise, Crystal Flood, Jerome Gray, Sarah Hall, Amanda Hardy, Jeremy Hendricks, Brandon Hicks, Amanda Judy, Geana Lewis, Andrea Marosan, Jazzmen Medley, Christopher Moore, Maida Mulaosmanovic, Erica Necker, John Nehila, Michael Sandusky, John Schenavar, Nicholas Smith, Nichole Starnes, Melissa Thornton, Christopher Turner, Nicole Vlodyka, Ricardo Ward, Brian Wooden, Angela Zajac.

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Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes honor-roll, citizenship, and/or perfect-attendance lists from any school that is attended by Romulus residents.

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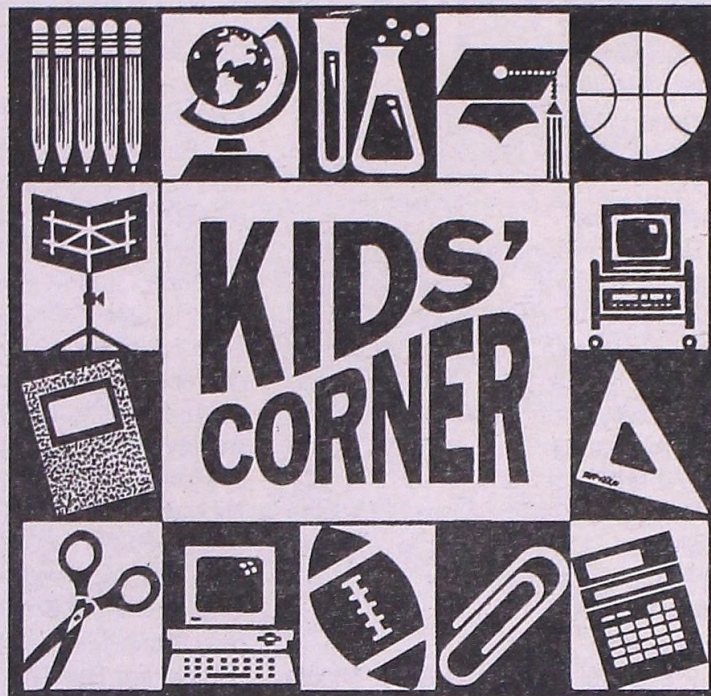
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2. _ E _ _ A
3. H _ _ S _
4. _ O _ K _
5. G _ _ A _ F _
6. _ A _ G _ O _
7. E _ _ P _ A _
8. _ H E _ _ A _
9. D _ _ K _ Y
10. _ _ _ U

Answers

1. Tiger
2. Zebra
3. Horse
4. Monkey
5. Giraffe
6. Kangaroo
7. Elephant
8. Cheetah
9. Donkey
10. Gnu

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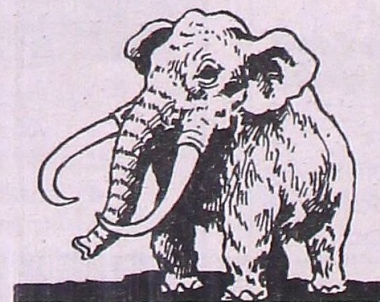
OWLS HAVE ESPECIALLY SOFT PLUMAGE WHICH ENABLES THEM TO FLY SILENTLY AND POUNCE ON UNSUSPECTING PREY.



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Homes in the wild puzzler

Draw a line from the animal to its proper home and nesting site.

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Flamingo | A. Grass-lined burrow in the ground |
| 2. Weaver ant | B. Wood piled in water |
| 3. Prairie dog | C. A nest in the ground all winter |
| 4. Crayfish | D. Cups of mud |
| 5. Termite | E. Roofed burrows near water |
| 6. Chipmunk | F. Tall earth towers |
| 7. Beaver | G. Leaves and white silk |

Answers
1. D 2. G 3. A 4. E 5. F 6. C 7. B

Let's go to the circus!

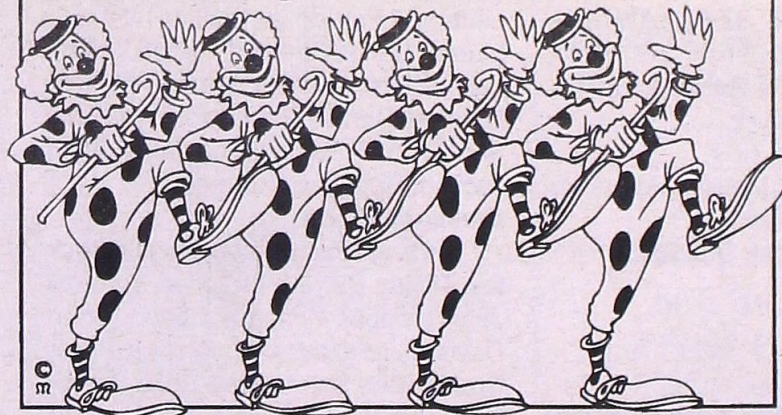
Going to the circus is a lot of fun. There are so many things going on at once. What's your favorite part of the circus? The interesting facts below may help you decide:

- Bears were the first wild animals to be trained to do tricks and perform circus shows. Others, like the beautiful white horses with plumes came later.

- The trotting horse performance is often called the "carrousel" or "merry-go-round" because the horses trot in a perfect circle around a ring.

- And, what about those enormous elephants? Where do they come from? Most arrive from India. The African elephants have larger ears, and are much fiercer, so it is easier to train Indian elephants.

Lions, tigers, seals, monkeys and camels are just a few of the many creatures that give us hours of enjoyment and pleasure when the circus comes to town! Oh, and don't forget the clowns!



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St. Aloysius Cub Scouts Excel At Pinewood Derby



John Lewkowicz (left) receives a 2nd-place Huron District trophy from Don Brown.



Eric Wands (left) receives his 2nd-place Huron District trophy from Don Brown.

On March 10, St. Aloysius Cub Scout Pack 872 held its Pinewood Derby in the St. Aloysius School basement. Races were held in four divisions.

Winners of the Tiger Division were:

- first place – Christopher Hicks
- second place – Bobby Kerr
- second place – Gilbert Weatherholt

Wolf Division winners were:

- first place – Derrick Yandura
- second place – Austin Ramsey
- third place – Ricky Druyor

Winners in the Bear Division were:

- first place – Eric Wands
- second place – Spencer Nieten
- third place – Devon Jacquay

Webelo Division winners were:

- first place – John Lewkowicz
- second place – Alec Staten
- third place – Brandon Gregg

In reality, all of the boys who partici-

pated were winners, since all created some very unique cars.

Cub Scout Pack 872 is grateful to Dennis Staten, who served as the official scorekeeper for the event. He was a big part of St. Aloysius Derby's success.

On April 6, the first-place winners from Pack 872's derby (Christopher Hicks, Derrick Yandura, Eric Wands, and John Lewkowicz) represented the pack at the Huron district finals, held at UAW Local 387 Hall in Brownstown Township. Don Brown of Pack 801 was the official scorekeeper.

By the end of the event, only St. Aloysius Pack 872 could boast of having two finals winners. They were Eric Wands, who placed second in the Bear Division, and John Lewkowicz, who took second place in the Webelo Division.

Congratulations to all.



St. Aloysius Cub Scout Pack 872 Pinewood Derby participants included (from left) Derrick Yandura, Bobby Kerr, Ricky Druyor, Gilbert Weatherholt, Christopher Sirhan, Eric Wands, Dylan Dotson, Spencer Nieten, and Devon Jacquay ...



... as well as Alec Staten, Brandon Craig, John Lewkowicz, Nicholas Moscrip, Austin Ramsey, Christopher Hicks, and Josh Rodgers.

Gertrude's Kitchen Donates Bicycles



Under the leadership of Sonya Smith (back; second from right), Gertrude's Kitchen – located on Wayne Road near Wick in Romulus – recently hosted a barbecue benefit to raise money for a "Bykes for Tykes" program. The bikes were given away to local youths whose names had been entered in a drawing for students with no referrals. Enjoying themselves at the barbecue were (from left): front row – Dontae Walker, Diamond Walker, and Keiairah Smith; back row – Salvation Army helpers Ray Lumpkin, Kristine Westfall, and Willie Howard, Gertrude Smith, and Jocelyn Smith.

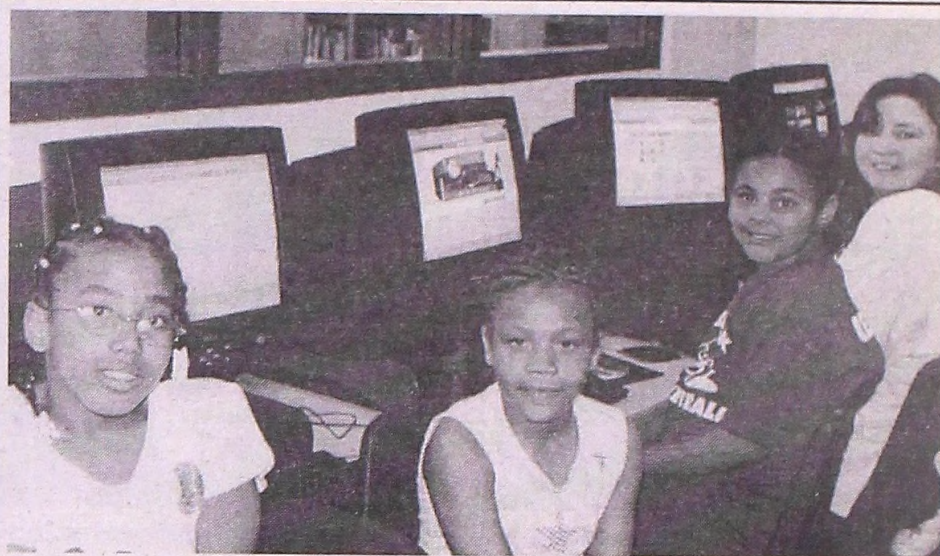


Winners of the St. Aloysius Cub Scout Pack 872 Pinewood Derby were (from left) John Lewkowicz (1st place, Webelo Division), Christopher Hicks (1st place, Tiger Division), Derrick Yandura (1st place, Wolf Division), and Eric Wands (1st place, Bear Division).

District Technology Nights Featured Student-Parent Workshops



District "Technology Night" programs featured two sites offering student-parent workshops. Attending the south-side program, held at Barth, were (from left) Michael Lammers, parent Butch Tieppo and his daughter Abby, grandparent/Barth third-grade teacher Deborah Street, and granddaughter Daijah Street.



Taking part in the north-side's Technology Night workshop, held at Romulus Elementary, were (from left) Felicia Martin, Adrianna Williams, Cherra Ross, and parent Lesa Brown. Among the topics that were covered at the programs was the effective location and use of Web sites on the Internet.

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 11, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Debbie Dick.

Roll call showed all members present. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Mr. Edward R. Clark, and Mr. William Routhier present. Mr. Tom Dolan excused.

President Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Projected General Fund and Operating Budget for the 2002-2003 school year was presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/02/1 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

6/02/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by McCraight to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2002, and May 28, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward R. Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Stephen Grunick, Integrated Technology/Web Master Teacher, High School, Effective August 26, 2002; Angela Siggia, Science Teacher, High School, Effective August 26, 2002.

6/02/3 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward R. Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Roberta Orme, Second-grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective June 14, 2002; Rose Marie Schoolmaster, Head Cook, Middle School, Effective July 1, 2002.

6/02/4 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward R. Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - FYI: Kendra Akers, Resource Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective August 2002 through August 2003.

Bills for Payment

6/02/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Social Studies Textbook Adoption

6/02/6 Moved by Frayer supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Social Studies Department and adopt McGruder's American Government textbook by William A. McClenaghan for Romulus High School at a cost of \$11,794.97. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolutions: Career Pathways, Education

6/02/7 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer that the Board of Education adopt the

attached Career Pathways and Education Development Plan resolutions to insure compliance with the Department of Education regulations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Budget Adoption 2002-2003

6/02/8 Moved by Buckley supported by Woods that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and adopt the 2002-2003 Budget as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Summer Millage Levy

6/02/9 Moved by Buckley supported by Woods that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 2002 Summer tax collection:

| | HOMESTEAD | NON-HOMESTEAD |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Hold Harmless | 4.39 | 0.00 |
| Local Operations | 0.00 | 17.85 |
| Debt | 5.25 | 5.25 |
| Total | 9.64 | 23.10 |

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Jerome Fatheree addressed the Board concerning taxes. Mrs. White, Gateway resident, addressed the Board of Education with regard to providing bus stops within Gateway for students attending Romulus Elementary. Mr. Foster addressed the Board of Education with regard to taxes on houses. Mrs. Hicks, parent, spoke to the issue that Romulus residents had voted tax increases and bond issues. Janet Turner Harmon spoke on concerns of taxes, televising of Board meetings, and Special Needs students.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board: 1) Cookout Schedule for June 13; 2) MAISL - Joint Risk Management Trust; 3) Public Schooling for Profit; 4) The American Legion; 5) Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration - Grant Announcement; 6) Communication - Taxes - Mr. Fatheree; 7) Immunization Clinics; 8) Special Education Millage; 9) MEAP Comparisons - Charter Schools - Romulus Community Schools.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Debbie Dick requested that a resolution be prepared for special recognition of Patrice Beasley for winning the 100-meter dash, and for the 400-meter relay team of Crystal Austin, Marika Wise, Shaepree Lee, and Patrice Beasley for winning the Division II State Championship in their respective events.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/02/10 Moved by McCraight supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Sign Up for Senior Olympics

Seniors age 55 and over are invited to register for the 17th annual Downriver Senior Olympics, set for August 5-9. For a complete list of this year's events, stop in at the Center.

Senior Day at Comerica Park

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Romulus Senior Center's trip to Comerica Park on Tuesday, July 16, to see the Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. A cost of \$12.50 per person will cover transportation/parking, admission, a hot dog or slice of pizza, and a small soft drink. Sign up at the Center.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program—a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens—has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, July 15, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

At-home Substance-abuse Treatment Available at No or Low Cost

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To be eligible for the new in-home service, the person with the substance-abuse problem must be at least 55 years of age, live in Wayne County outside the City of Detroit, have a substance-abuse problem, and demonstrate need for financial assistance to access treatment. Abused substances can include alcohol and/or prescription and other drugs.

Those who qualify for help will receive visits from a master's degree-level state-licensed or certified therapist who will complete an assessment and develop an individualized plan for services. In addition to individual treatment services, the therapist will explore other available community resources and, based on need, provide family counseling, too. (Confidentiality rights of those receiving treatment are protected by state and federal laws.)

For more information, contact the Romulus Help Center (a division of Hegira Programs, Inc.) at 734-942-7585.

Predatory Lending Victims Sought

Do you believe that a mortgage company or other lender has taken advantage of you? AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) of Michigan is collecting information to help fight predatory lenders in a campaign that includes consumer education, local ordinances, and state legislation.

Predatory lenders make unaffordable loans based on a borrower's assets, usually home equity, rather than the ability to pay. They often induce a borrower to refinance a loan repeatedly in order to charge high fees or points. Older citizens on fixed incomes are especially vulnerable.

Predatory lenders also work in conjunction with home-repair scam artists who often talk unwitting customers into expensive home modifications that require refinancing a mortgage.

People who have been victimized, or who know someone who has, should call AARP Michigan at 517-267-8913 or e-mail the group at miaarp@aarp.org. AARP can also mail callers a free borrower's kit that outlines strategies for avoiding predatory lenders.

Chore Service

Are you in need of yard work and/or minor home repairs? If so, call the Romulus Senior Center and find out if you qualify for a free chore-service program.

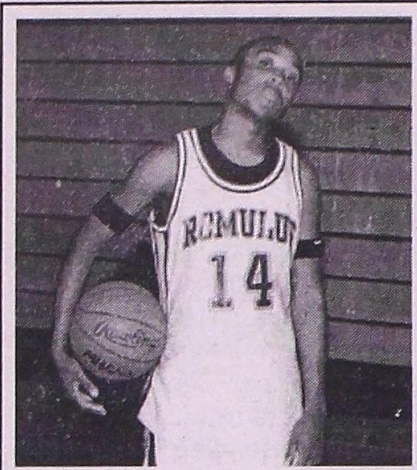
Emergency Phones for the At-risk

The Romulus Senior Center—in conjunction with the Romulus Recreation Center, the Romulus Police Department, and Romulus City Hall—is establishing a program designed to get used cell phones into the hands of at-risk individuals so that they can call 9-1-1 in case of a life-threatening emergency. To make their program a success, these agencies are asking area residents to donate cell phones that have batteries and chargers. To make your donation, or to put in an application for the use of a cell phone, call or stop in at the Center.

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Smith Plays Basketball in Switzerland

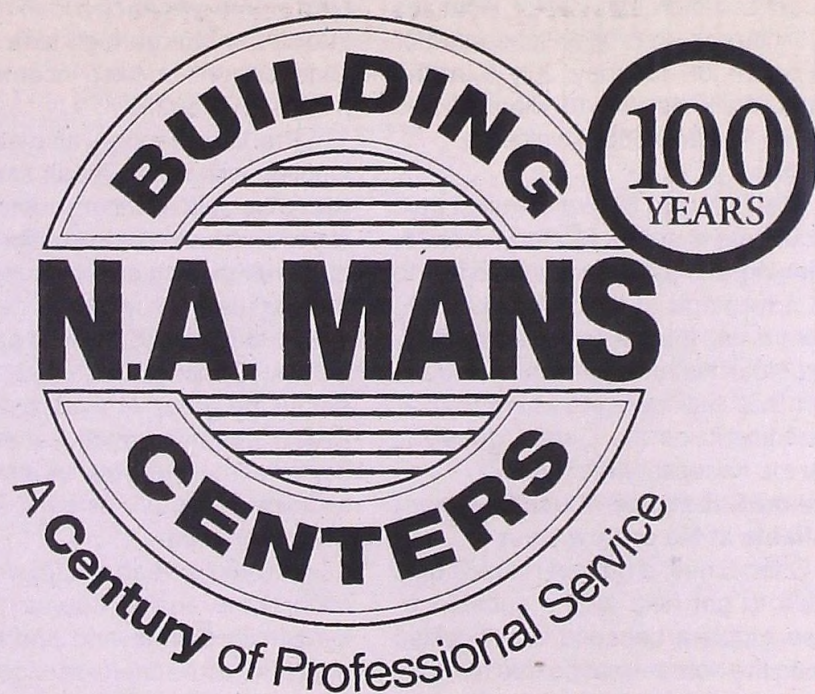


Justin Smith, a 17-year-old junior at Romulus High School, has been selected as a People To People sports ambassador to represent the United States in the 2002 Switzerland Invitational. Prior to the tournament, the team will train in France. The trip is scheduled for July 26–August 5.

Justin has played basketball for the High School in the past, and has also played AAU basketball for two years.

Parents Steven Smith and Priscilla Jordan and stepdad Calvin Williams are all residents of Romulus. □

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Community Calendar

- **Saturday in the Park** – Wayne County's "Saturday in the Park" program – which will continue from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Saturday through September 28 – features the weekly closing of six miles of Hines Park's Hines Drive (from the Warrendale picnic area west of Outer Drive to the Nankin Mills area east of Ann Arbor Trail) to allow people of all ages to run, walk, skate, and cycle safely. For more information, call 734-261-1990.
- **Meet Judicial Candidate David A. Glaab** – David A. Glaab, a candidate for 34th District Court Judge, will host a free "meet the candidate" event at Individual Financial Planning (37283 Huron River Drive, downtown New Boston) from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 29. The event will feature a clown, face-painting, and other family fun, as well as hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and pop.
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one of its **Rose Propagation Workshops** (set for Sunday, June 30, at 1 p.m., and Monday, July 1, at 11 a.m.) and/or one of its **Japanese Beetle Control Workshops** (set for Sunday, July 7, at 1 p.m., and Monday, July 8, at 11 a.m.). Participants are urged to dress for the weather! An optional light lunch may be ordered after the Monday program. No reservation is necessary. Call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com) for more information.
- **Polka Fest** – The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Polka Fest at the Hines Park Warrendale Picnic Area (Dearborn Heights) from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, and Sunday, July 7. Featured will be the upbeat sounds of Big Daddy Lackowski and the Duane Malinowski Orchestra. Ethnic dancers in authentic Polish costumes will perform, as well. Food concessions and a beer tent will be available.
- **Vacation Bible School** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host a Vacation Bible School program from Sunday, July 21, through Thursday, July 25. The program – called Godzwerkus Circus School – will feature Bible stories with creative learning activities, music, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Children ages 3 to 13 are invited to attend. Since space is limited, please register your child by Sunday, July 7. For more information, call 734-247-4593 and ask for Michelle.
- **Party in the Park** – The Romulus Historical Society invites the public to attend its annual Party in the Park, set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, in Romulus Historic Park (on Hunt Street near the post office). Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to take part in this event.
- **Waltz Homecoming Festival** – The annual Waltz Homecoming Festival – set for July 25–28 – will feature a parade, a large midway, an antique car cruise/show, fireworks, food, and much, much more. The event is held at Joseph Waltz Park, just off I-275 (Exit 8 west to downtown Waltz). Visit the Web (www.geocities.com/waltzmich/Waltz_Michigan.html) for more information, or call 734-654-8020.
- **Chamber Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren on Thursday, August 22. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration, a continental breakfast, and (for those who want it) time on the practice range, followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start for the event itself. A banquet, with awards and prizes, will follow at 2:30 p.m. Cost per foursome is \$480. To register, call 734-326-4290.
- **St. Aloysius Accepting Registrations** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting applications for its 2002–2003 school year. The school advertises affordable tuition for a program that features small classes taught by all State-certified teachers, a networked computer lab with all new equipment, a daily hot-lunch program, and bus transportation for Romulus residents. For more information, call 734-941-3340.
- **Open Registration at Romulus Head Start** – Romulus Head Start is now enrolling three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program. For eligibility information, call 734-532-1900.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Birthplace _____
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Siblings _____

Maternal Grandparents _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Paternal Grandparents _____
Address _____
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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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City _____ State _____
Reception _____
City _____ State _____
Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information
concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Chester C. "Chet" Grevengood

Chester C. "Chet" Grevengood of Wayne, Michigan, died on Thursday, May 30, 2002. He was 89 years old.

Chet – born in Flint, Michigan, on January 12, 1913 – owned and operated Chet's Barber Shop from 1945 to 1971, and was a former member of the Oddfellows of Wayne.

Chet's survivors include two daughters – Mrs. Laurence (Carol L.) Frayer (Canton, MI), and Ms. Linda M. Cox and her fiancé, Dennis Crimboli, Sr. (Plymouth, MI) – as well as four grandchil-

dren and four great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased him were his wife, Vera B. (Killingbeck) Grevengood; brothers John and James; and sisters Rose and Margaret.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI).

Aurelia Preis

Aurelia Preis of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 19, 2002. She was 81 years old.

The native of Romania was born on May 11, 1921.

Aurelia is survived by a sister, Sofia Smilek (Poland); a niece, Mrs. Rodney (Ingrid) Utley (Wayne, MI); and three nephews, Alfred (Belleville, MI), Helmut (Belleville), and Peter Preis (Manches-

ter, MI). Among those predeceasing her was her husband, Stanley K. Preis (1988).

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Barbara Ann Romano

Barbara Ann Romano, 62, of Northville and Atlanta, Michigan, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2002, at Providence Hospital (Southfield, MI) after a short illness.

She was born on August 2, 1939, in Clarksville, Tennessee, to Winston, Sr. and Dorothy (Choate) Suiter.

Formerly of Romulus, Michigan, Barbara had resided in Northville for the last 10 years. For 15 years, she managed The Pebble Place, a landscape supply business. Recently, Barbara worked with her husband and sons operating Romano Landscaping, Inc. She was a member of Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Winston and Dorothy, and

two brothers, Fred and Wayne.

Surviving her are her husband, Carl Romano; one daughter, Celeste (Mrs. Robert) Roscoe (Romulus); four sons, Mark (Mary) Romano (Ortonville, MI), Daniel (Sue) Romano (Farmington, MI), Steven (Ann) Romano (Livonia, MI), and Tony (Carolyn) Romano (Northville); seven grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; three brothers, Winston (Sandi) Suiter (Venice, FL), Bill (Jan) Suiter (OR), and Richard (Kathy) Suiter (Romulus).

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 7, at Green Funeral Home (Atlanta, MI), with Pastor Brad Cannon officiating.

Interment was at Briley Township Cemetery.

Jerry Lee Ward

Jerry Lee Ward of Pittsford, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 16, 2002. He was 62 years old.

The native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was born on August 7, 1939.

Jerry is survived by a brother, Bobby

James Ward (Romulus, MI), and two sisters, Mrs. Harold "Bud" (Shelvy) Flowers (Romulus) and Mrs. Clyde (Darlene) Mullins.

Among those predeceasing him were his parents, James P. and Florence E. (Smith) Ward, and two sisters, Joann Ramsay (May 22, 1990) and Mary K. Barnes (September 2, 1991).

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

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